City of Barrie
Report of Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, March 04, 2026
06:15 PM
Council Chambers

Present:
Mayor A. Nuttall
Councillor B. Hamilton, Chair
Deputy Mayor R. Thomson
Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor N. Nigussie

Absent:

Other Members Present and Staff:
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor G. Harvey
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, S. Diemart
City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
Legal Counsel, C. Packham
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Water Operations, D. Moreau
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell
Service Desk Specialist, M. Haupt

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 6:15 p.m.

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

3. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

4. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/ OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. DEFERRED/REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

7.1 Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated January 27, 2026

That the Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated January 27, 2026, is received.

Received

7.1.1 Burlesque By-law Review

Adult Entertainment Industry By-law Review - Burlesque Performances

That staff undertake a review of the Adult Entertainment Industry By-law and investigate an amendment to include provisions for Burlesque performances.

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

7.2 Report of the Youth Council dated February 2, 2026

That the Report of the Youth Council dated February 2, 2026, is received.

Received

7.3 Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated February 3, 2026

That the Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated February 3, 2026, is received.

Received

7.4 Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee dated February 5, 2026

That the Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated February 3, 2026, is

received.

Received

7.4.1 Turf Grass

Turf Grass - Native and Pollinator-Supportive Alternatives

That staff review the City's infrastructure standards related to sod specifications and assess opportunities to allow or promote alternative turf mixtures, where appropriate and consistent with industry standards and best practices, including options that incorporate native species and pollinator□supportive alternatives

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

8. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

8.1 Memorandum from D. Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, dated March 4, 2026, concerning the 2025 Drinking Survey.

That the Memorandum from D. Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, dated March 4, 2026, concerning the 2025 Drinking Survey was received.

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

8.2 Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement

That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-005-2026 with the Barrie Baycats for use of the Stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex as amended to delete the provision for an additional two-year option to allow for further discussions to take place between the City and Baycats. (CCS-005-2026).

Approved for consideration by General Committee

8.3 AAA U18 Dressing Room Agreement

That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-006-2026 with the Barrie Colts AAA U18 hockey team to utilize a semi-exclusive team dressing room at the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (CCS-006-2026).

Approved on consent for consideration by General Committee

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Arts Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 02:00 PM

For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:

A. Courser
C. Riepma
LA. Rodgers
I. Churchward
S. Herman

Absent:

G. Groen
T. Durbano
N. Mazhab Jafari

Staff:

Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Cultural Development Officer, A. Dyke
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, K. Datema
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, A. Courser at 2:01 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Arts Groups Directory

Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer, advised the Committee that the creation of an arts group directory for Barrie is a potential priority that falls under the Culture Plan Update. She noted it would be a large undertaking for the Committee alone, however the Barrie Public Library has an existing, similar resource that could assist those looking for local arts groups.

3.2 Barrie Arts and Culture App/Website

The Committee discussed the possibility of a dedicated app for arts and culture in

Barrie. Members were advised that the City of Barrie app already has an arts and culture page that could serve the same purpose. Ms. Dyke encouraged members to promote the community calendar on the City's website to local arts and culture groups where they can add their own events. The Committee also discussed utilizing existing newsletters at the City's theatres to advertise local arts and culture groups.

3.3 Culture Plan Update - Arts and Culture Investment Program Funding

Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer, advised the Committee that a formal review of the Arts and Culture Investment Program will be undertaken beginning in 2026 to ensure it aligns with the Culture Plan Update.

3.4 Culture Plan Update - 10 Year Plan Priorities/Recommendations

Amanda Dyke provided a brief overview of the recommended actions and priorities resulting from the Culture Plan Update. She encouraged the Committee to review the listed recommendations, particularly those for 2026 and 2027 and provide feedback as to which ones the Committee feels could be prioritized as achievable, short-term goals.

3.5 In-Kind Tourism and Culture Event Grant - Kempenfest

Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation and Culture Services, informed the Committee of the anticipated creation of a tourism and culture event grant that would provide in-kind city services to encourage and support the facilitation of local events. In-kind services may include barricades and bollards, transportation support, and/or staffing resources for events, such as lifeguards. Staff noted the mutual benefit of providing in-kind services as opposed to direct financial support.

3.6 Committee Composition Review

The Committee discussed its current member composition and proposed amending it to allow for greater representation of arts and culture in Barrie. Members suggested earmarking a spot for a member of the Indigenous community, a theatre group representative, a music representative, a visual art representative, and a dance representative. The Committee agreed to reach out to various organizations that might be interested in membership and will continue discussions at their next meeting.

3.7 Discussion - Committee Recommendations to Council

Tara McArthur, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, provided a brief overview of the Committee's mandate and the procedure to advise Council and provide recommendations on matters of arts and culture in Barrie.

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3.8 Burlesque By-law Review

Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation and Culture Services, provided an update on the review of the Adult Entertainment By-law and advised that no formal direction has been given to staff to amend the by-law to specifically allow for burlesque performances. The Committee noted the importance of altering the by-law and ensuring burlesque performers can operate legally within the City of Barrie.

Adult Entertainment Industry By-law Review - Burlesque Performances

That staff undertake a review of the Adult Entertainment Industry By-law and investigate an amendment to include provisions for Burlesque performances.

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

City of Barrie
Report of the Youth Council

Monday, February 02, 2026 at 05:30 PM

For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:

Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, S. Morales
A. Onukwuba
H. Burak
K. Maloney-Aegerter
Y. Kamara
T. Ogunnaike

Absent:

F. Jonathan
K. Gallant
L. R. Sudsbury
M. Bentley
M. Fisher
N. Donnelly
T. Olukoya
A. Johnson

Staff:

Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, J. Harris at 5:32 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 City of Barrie Youth Survey Launch

The Committee collectively reviewed the live version of the City of Barrie Youth Survey and submitted a shared response. Members will continue to promote the survey to youth and circulate it within their respective schools.

3.2 Youth Event

The Committee continued planning for the youth event and determined a date and location. Members discussed ways to encourage greater attendance, such as offering free transit, as well as potential promotional material or a transit guide showing how to get to the event venue using Barrie Transit. Possible vendors and activities were also discussed. Members proposed having a food truck on site and youth-focused trivia. The Committee also considered reaching out to the Rotary Club of Barrie to see if they'd be interested in any involvement. Further planning will continue at the next meeting.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

City of Barrie
Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee

Tuesday, February 03, 2026 at 04:00 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl
K. Bagnell
Y. Balaban
D. Brooke-Bagnell
D. Ramsay

Absent:
N. Shammas

Staff:
Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 4:10 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Committee Budget Update

Tammie Maynard, Legislative Coordinator provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

3.2 2025 Communities in Bloom Program Update

Chair, Councillor AM. Kungl advised that the City's 2025 Communities in Bloom Program Evaluation Results have been shared with members of Council and City staff for their information.

3.3 2026 Communities in Bloom Program Update

Mona Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson, provided an overview of the 2026

Communities in Bloom (CIB) Program, including the program categories. Ms Boyd advised that the deadline to register for the 2026 Communities in Bloom Program is February 28, 2026, and the theme is "Therapeutic Gardens".

The Committee provided feedback to Ms. Boyd and Chair, Councillor AM. Kungl concerning the 2026 CIB Program. Ms. Boyd advised that she would follow up with City staff concerning the 2026 CIB program and report back at the next Committee meeting. The Committee provided suggestions on how to promote the CIB program and to recognize those participants. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

City of Barrie
Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 05, 2026 at 05:30 PM
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Present:
K. MacLeod
D. MacKeown
S. Schwarz
J. Bourne
L. Hoffarth
J. Northcote
D. Waters

Absent:
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton
N. Flinn
W. Steimle
E. van Wesenbeeck

Staff:
Legislative Coordinator, C. Payne
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Rankin
Supervisor of Landscape Architecture, K. Lilienthal

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Turf Grass

Members of Committee discussed the accepted types of sod developers can use within the City of Barrie and posed questions as to whether alternatives to a Kentucky Blue Grass mix could be used. Karen Lilienthal, Supervisor of Landscape Architecture, advised that the City's infrastructure standards, which are spread across multiple documents, outline the permitted sod types for new development,

and would need to be reviewed if native or pollinator friendly alternatives were included.

Turf Grass - Native and Pollinator-Supportive Alternatives

That staff review the City's infrastructure standards related to sod specifications and assess opportunities to allow or promote alternative turf mixtures, where appropriate and consistent with industry standards and best practices, including options that incorporate native species and pollinator□supportive alternatives

Approved for consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

3.2 Sustainability in Building

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.3 Winter Access to City Parks and North Shore Trail

The Committee discussed winter access to City parks and trails, particularly in the area near Kempenfelt Drive. Kevin Rankin, Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, provided an overview of the current winter maintenance standards and advised as the City has hundreds of access/plow out points, it would be difficult to provide winter access to all City parks and trails. Members of Committee noted the unprecedented amount of snow Barrie has received this year.

3.4 Outstanding Mandate Items Discussion

The Committee continued discussions on outstanding mandate items and worked towards compiling a list of top priorities to focus on for the remainder of the term. Members brainstormed ideas for bike-friendly initiatives, an environmental support grant, active transportation campaigns and sustainability incentives for residents and developers. A final list of priorities will be circulated among the Committee.

3.5 Annual Bicycle Poker Ride

Member Steve Schwarz provided information regarding Living Green Barrie's 2026 Bicycle Poker Ride. The ride aims to demonstrate Barrie's accessibility when traveling by two-wheeled vehicle, and promotes active transportation while supporting local businesses. He noted that the event encompasses items under the Committee's mandate and encouraged other Members to get involved.

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Staff Memorandum

Item 8.1

To	Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
Subject	2025 Drinking Water Survey
Date	March 4, 2026
Ward	All
From	D. Moreau, Manager of Water Operations
Executive Member Approval	S. Diemert, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management (Acting)
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide Members of the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee with a summary of the City of Barrie's ('City') 2025 Drinking Water Survey results. It includes a comparison with the 2023 survey and outlines actions taken by the Water Operations Branch in response to previous feedback.

Background

The City's Water Operations Branch (WOB) is responsible for providing safe, reliable, and high-quality drinking water to residents and businesses.

In 2023, the City completed a City-wide drinking water survey to better understand customers' experiences and concerns. The survey asked questions about water use, water quality, safety, knowledge of water testing, and interactions with WOB staff. The previous survey received 1,226 responses, showing strong public participation.

Results from the previous survey showed high satisfaction with water pressure, and identified concerns about taste, odour, and limited public awareness of water testing practices. In response, the WOB increased maintenance in certain areas, installed auto-flushers, and expanded public outreach education efforts.

In 2025, a follow-up survey was completed to measure progress, review changes in public perception, and continue community engagement on drinking water issues. This time, we received 815 responses and provided useful information for comparison and ongoing improvement.

Key Survey Findings

When compared to the 2023 results, the 2025 survey found that:

- Water-use habits have remained largely the same.

- Overall confidence in tap water safety and satisfaction levels have decreased slightly.
- Residents in northern wards that receive groundwater reported lower confidence than residents in southern wards.
- Awareness of municipal water testing has not changed significantly, with about one-third of respondents still unaware of how water is tested.

Next Steps

1. Ongoing Monitoring and Maintenance

The WOB will continue its regular maintenance programs, including annual flushing and swabbing, as well as scheduled maintenance of reservoirs and water towers. These activities improve water turnover and reduce mineral build-up within the distribution system.

2. Improved Communication and Public Education

The WOB will continue working with the City's Communications Team to improve how drinking water information is shared with residents.

A long-term Communications Plan will be developed to provide clear and consistent messaging about:

- How drinking water is treated and tested
- Why activities such as flushing and swabbing occur
- How residents can report concerns or request information

Information will be shared through multiple channels, including:

- Water treatment plant tours
- Drinking Water Week activities
- The City's website
- Signs and educational materials

Existing education and outreach opportunities such as water treatment plant tours and Experience Water Days for Grade 7 and 8 students have continued. However, engagement has expanded to attending high schools and college fairs to share and educate on the water industry and more specifically, Barrie's drinking water system.

3. Continuous Improvement

The WOB will continue to:

- Focus maintenance and infrastructure improvements in areas with ongoing water quality concerns
- Improve public awareness and understanding of water testing practices
- Monitor customer satisfaction and public perception through future surveys and community engagement

Conclusion

The 2025 survey shows that residents' water-use habits remain steady, and it highlights an opportunity to further strengthen confidence in the quality of tap water. The findings underscore the value of ongoing maintenance practices and clear communication about how drinking water is treated and monitored. These insights will continue to inform operational priorities, infrastructure planning, and public education efforts to enhance trust in the City's drinking water system.

Appendix:

Not Applicable

Memo Author:

Diane Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, Infrastructure Department

File #:

C11A

Pending #:

Not Applicable

Reference Committee Staff Report

Item 8.2

To	Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
Subject	Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement
Date	March 4, 2026
Ward	All
From	K. Datema, Director Recreation & Culture Services
Executive Member Approval	J, Schmidt, General Manager Community & Corporate Services
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Report #	CCS-005-2026

Recommendation(s):

1. That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-005-2026 with the Barrie Baycats for use of the Stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to execute a Facility Use Agreement governing the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club's use of City-owned baseball facilities located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex.

Key Findings:

The current agreement has expired, and agreement renewal is required ahead of the 2026 baseball season. The Facility Use Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which the Club may access and use the City-owned Stadium and associated amenities.

Key terms of the agreement:

- **Term:** Two (2) year agreement from 2026 to 2028, with an option to extend for two (2) additional years (2029–2030) by mutual agreement
- **Seasonal Use:** May 1 to August 31 in each year of the term
- **Scheduling:**
  - Bookings managed through Recreation and Culture Services
  - Tentative seasonal schedule required by February 15 each year
- **User Fees:**
  - $375 + HST per regular game (Stadium), including lighting, dressing rooms, and media booth access (maximum 5 hours)
  - $65 + HST for practices and day camps at Dana Field
  - $100 + HST per hour for U22 Stadium use
- **Facility Control:** Ownership, management, and operation remain with the City; the agreement provides use privileges only.

Financial Implications:

All applicable user fees payable by the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club are outlined in Appendix "A." There are no additional financial commitments beyond those identified in the agreement.

Alternatives:

The following alternatives are available for consideration by Committee:

Alternative #1 – Committee could direct staff to manage Barrie Baycats' use requirements on an as and when required basis. Staff do not recommend this approach. An agreement provides a clear contractual framework for facility access, scheduling, and cost recovery, reducing operational and scheduling risks associated with informal or short-term arrangements.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Affordable Place to Live		
Community Safety		
Thriving Community	X	A use agreement provides access for the team to compete and inspire local athletes to play baseball.
Infrastructure Investments		

Additional Background Information and Analysis:

The proposed Facility Use Agreement provides a formal framework governing the Club's use of City facilities and sets out clear expectations related to scheduling, access, and cost recovery.

The agreement establishes a defined term, seasonal use period, booking requirements, and user fees for games, practices, camps, and U22 use. Approval of the agreement supports the continued delivery of elite-level baseball programming while maintaining City oversight of facility operations.

Consultation and Engagement:

There was no public consultation required in relation to this staff report.

Environmental and Climate Change Impact Matters:

There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement

Report Author:

K. Datema, Director Recreation & Culture Services

File #:

Pending #:

Not Applicable

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of , 2026
BETWEEN

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
("Barrie")
and
BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB
(the "Club")

WHEREAS:

A. Barrie is the owner of the lands and premises known as the Barrie Community Sports Complex (the "Park").

B. The Stadium is located in the Barrie Community Sports Complex or "Park".

C. Ownership, management and operation of the Park and Stadium is vested with Barrie.

D. The Club has made application to Barrie for the shared privilege of using the Stadium located on the Park premises.

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties have agreed as follows:

Term

The term of this agreement will be two (2) years, from 2026 to 2028, with an option to extend for two (2) additional years at the mutual agreement of both parties, 2029 and 2030, for seasonal use by the Club of the Stadium from May 1 to August 31 in each year.

The Club shall schedule and pay for its use of the Stadium through established booking procedures maintained by the Recreation and Culture Services Department of Barrie. It shall submit by February 15 of each calendar year during the term a tentative schedule for the upcoming season.

Payment

For the privilege of using the Stadium, the Club shall pay to Barrie, the following fees:

$375 plus HST for regular games (Stadium)
This fee includes the field permit cost, lining, bases, lighting, dressing room use and access to the media booth areas. Time slot allowance shall not exceed 5 (five) hours per game

$65 plus HST for practices and day camps (Dana field)

$100 plus HST per hour for U22 (Stadium)

This fee includes the field permit cost per hour, lining, bases, lighting, dressing room use and access to the media booth areas.

These amounts may be increased by Barrie in each calendar year at Barrie's sole discretion, with annual increases of not less than the annual CPI change.

In addition, the Club will be solely responsible for all costs or expenses related to use and maintenance of the Stadium (whether incurred by the Club or Barrie) including but not limited to cleaning, security, field material, parking fees, set up and takedown costs, data services and additional Barrie staffing costs as deemed required by Barrie. Barrie staffing costs will be billed to the Club at the rate of $25 per hour.

Use of the Stadium

The Club shall have exclusive use of all the Stadium facilities during the times it has booked the Stadium.

It will have exclusive use of one (1) dressing room and one (1) office located in the Stadium from May 1 to August 31 of each calendar year.

The Club may charge and collect sufficient fees from the participants and spectators of tournaments and games to cover the expenses.

Sale of Merchandise

The Club has the right to sell merchandise including souvenirs, apparel, and programs during games at the Stadium, but not otherwise at the Park, to participants and spectators.

Club Responsibilities

The Club is responsible for controlling access to the Stadium during games and practices including supplying sufficient staff to ensure that the spectator bleachers do not exceed healthy and safety requirements including their seating capacity of 1310 and ensuring that all sidewalks, entries, passages, public utilities, stairways etc. remain unobstructed and are used only for ingress and egress from the Stadium.

The Club is responsible for all ensuring the safe and efficient use of the Stadium including supervision of all practices, pre-game warm up/batting practice and games, and the employment of all necessary staff including but not limited to usher staff, ticket takers, security staff, paid duty police, coaches, managers, training and equipment staff, umpires, statisticians, emergency medical personnel, and public address announcers, etc. The level of resources will be to the satisfaction of Barrie.

Any and all alterations, additions, renovations, or upgrading to the playing field or the Stadium requested by the Club shall be approved by Barrie in writing prior to the

commencement of such work. The Club shall bear the entire cost of any and all such alterations, additions, renovations, or upgrading to the Stadium. Any and all such alterations, additions, renovations, or upgrading shall become the property of Barrie.

The routine cleaning and minor maintenance of the dressing room and office shall be the sole responsibility of the Club. All other rooms in the Stadium which are opened to and used by the public shall be cleaned and maintained by Barrie.

Barrie is not responsible for damages or loss to any property of the Club.

Compliance with Barrie Rules

The Club agrees to abide by the permit issued for field use and all other rules, regulations and policies established by Barrie with respect to use of the Stadium and comply with all applicable, municipal, provincial, and federal agencies and laws having authority. If the Club, or its employees, members, guests, or invitees contravenes the Rules or any other rules or policies posted from time to time at the Park, Barrie may, in its absolute discretion, terminate this Agreement immediately.

Barrie, its agents, servants, or employees may enter at any time the Stadium being used by the Club under this agreement.

Advertising, Signage and Banners

The Club is permitted to sell advertising within the confines of the Stadium during the season and retain all revenues.

The Club is permitted to sell the advertising right to the naming of the Stadium for a term that cannot exceed the expiry date of this agreement.

The Club is permitted to post its banners and pennants in designated areas of the Stadium located above the box seats.

The Club may not use any Barrie names or marks or imply Barrie endorsement or support, without written consent from Barrie.

The City reserves the right to review and approve all advertising and signage as it relates to the facility. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Concession

The Stadium's concession is operated exclusively by Barrie or its contractor. The Club has no right to sell or give away any food or beverages in the Stadium or Park.

Indemnification

The Club shall indemnify and save harmless Barrie and its officers, employees, servants, and agents, from and against all actions, suits, claims, executions, and demands, which may be brought or made upon the Club, its officers, agents, or servants, as a direct or indirect result of the use of the Park, including the Stadium.

Insurance

The Club agrees to purchase and maintain liability insurance from an insurer licensed in the Province of Ontario, in the amount of not less than Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) per occurrence inclusive. Barrie shall be included as an “additional insured”.

The Club shall provide proof of insurance ten (10) days prior to the commencement of the agreement and on all subsequent renewals or when requested. Such insurance shall also contain an endorsement indication that the insurer agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Barrie in the event of cancellation, reductions, or restrictions of the coverage in place at the commencement of this contract.

Assignment

The Club shall not assign this agreement without the consent, in writing, of Barrie.

Termination

Barrie has the right to terminate this agreement upon 30 days’ written notice by prepaid registered mail to:

BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB,
P.O. Box 412
Barrie, ON
L4M 4T5

Upon the expiry of this agreement, the Club shall have the right of first refusal to renew and renegotiate a new agreement on terms agreeable to the parties at that time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have affixed their respective corporate seals attested by the hands of their respective officers duly authorized in that behalf.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

Per:_____
Mayor A. Nuttall

Per:_____
W. Cooke, Clerk

BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB

Per:_____

Per:_____

Reference Committee Staff Report

Item 8.3

To	Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
Subject	AAA U18 Dressing Room Agreement
Date	March 4, 2026
Ward	All
From	K. Datema, Director Recreation & Culture Services
Executive Member Approval	J. Schmidt, General Manager Community & Corporate Services
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Report #	CCS-006-2026

Recommendation(s):

1. That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment CCS-006-2026 with the Barrie Colts AAA U18 hockey team to utilize a semi-exclusive team dressing room at the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform committee that the initial 3-year pilot program relating to the Barrie Colts AAA U18 hockey teams' semi-exclusive use of dressing room "A" on rink one at Peggy Hill Team Community Centre is due to expire March 31, 2026. Staff are reporting back on the status of the pilot and requesting approval to execute a new agreement that will begin September 1, 2026.

Key Findings:

The 3-year semi-exclusive pilot was predicated on the following and this will continue in the new 3-year agreement:

- **The team utilizes dressing room "A" on rink one at the Peggy Hill Team Community Centre**, and this is the facility where the semi-exclusive dressing room will be provided for the team once again. To that end the Barrie Colts AAA U18 organization would like to re-enter into a facility use agreement with the City for the seasonal rental of the space during the ice season which is 7 months in duration.

- **The facility use agreement will be a three (3) year term** effective September 1, 2026, and expiring March 31, 2029.

- **Under the proposed agreement, the City of Barrie would have use of the room as required** for tournaments and other needs provided notice is issued to the Barrie Colts AAA U18 in advance so they can vacate the room temporarily. This is defined as semi-exclusive whereby the U18 AAA will make the dedicated room available to the City as required.

- **The Barrie Colts U18 AAA agrees that any alterations to the dressing room area will be submitted to the City for approval.** The City agrees to respond in a reasonable time frame with comment as to the approval or not of the requested alteration. The cost for alterations will be the responsibility of the AAA organization.

Financial Implications:

The team utilizes the semi-exclusive dressing room 7 months per hockey season and pays $1,000 per month or $7,000 per hockey season. The fee will increase 2% annually. The proposed agreement is another 3-year term with seasonal revenues as follows:

Season 1 - $7,000
Season 2 - $7,140
Season 3 - $7,282.80

Alternatives:

The following alternatives are available for consideration by Committee:

Alternative #1 – Committee could maintain the existing policy with respect to dressing room allocation on an as needed basis.

This alternative is not recommended as it would not address the request from the team and could negatively impact the team in relation to recruitment, retention and the success achieved during the initial 3-year pilot.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Affordable Place to Live		
Community Safety		
Thriving Community	X	Creates and fosters the opportunity for young athletes in Barrie to pursue their goals and promote civic pride through team success.
Infrastructure Investments		
Responsible Governance		

Additional Background Information and Analysis:

The initial 3-year semi-exclusive pilot has proven to be successful; the team has provided the following review:

Over the last 3 years, we have seen the positive impact the changeroom has had on our program, beginning with the recruiting process. As majority of U18 AAA teams across Ontario now have their own changerooms, it has allowed us to recruit players, who may have otherwise went elsewhere for the experience/opportunity. This year we have 5 of the top players in Ontario on our team and 10 OHL draft picks, who specifically chose to play their U18 AAA year and make the move to Barrie – this after meeting with our coaching staff in the changeroom and discussing our program. The reality is, it is a huge selling feature for these players and something that has almost become expected of the top programs.

Being able to recruit such high-quality players, has allowed us to have great success on the ice these last 3 years. We have been to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Championship each year and have had a player drafted to the OHL in the U18 Draft, each year we've been with the program. Last year, we saw 2 players drafted from our program – an incredible feat as there are only 32-36 players typically selected from Canada/USA in the U18 Draft. One of these selections was to our hometown Barrie OHL Colts, which was a dream for our program and further solidified our connection with them.

We continue to see the OHL Barrie Colts send their draft picks to Barrie U18 AAA, a great steppingstone to the next level of Junior/OHL. Our changeroom and program are key selling points, when they are talking to their draft picks about playing here. Many of these players are from out of town and here billeting, so the changeroom allows them to have a space that feels familiar and a place to store their gear, so it's not being transported back and forth as they find their way. We have 3 former Barrie U18 AAA players who are now playing with the OHL Barrie Colts and 3 others playing for other teams in the OHL – something we are incredibly proud of.

Consultation and Engagement:

While public consultation was not engaged as part of the 3-year pilot or the proposed extension, staff have consulted with the Barrie Colts AAA President and associated team personnel.

Environmental and Climate Change Impact Matters:

There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Facility Use Agreement Barrie Colts AAA U18

Report Author:

K. Datema, Director Recreation & Culture Services

File #:

Not Applicable

Pending #:

Not Applicable

FACILITY USE CONTRACT

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
(the "City")

- and -

BARRIE COLTS AAA U18 HOCKEY TEAM
(the "Licensee")

WHEREAS:

A. The City is the owner of certain lands and premises in the City of Barrie commonly known as the **Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (PHTCC)**, (the "Facility").

B. The Licensee has requested the City to grant to the Licensee the right to occupy and use a portion of the Facility subject to the terms hereinafter contained.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and subject to the conditions hereinafter set out, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1.0 LICENSE

The City hereby grants to the Licensee a license and right to enter upon, occupy, and use that part of the Facility designated as Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (PHTCC) Dressing Room A, RINK ONE, (the “Dressing Room”). The Licensee will use the Dressing Room subject to the terms set out in schedule ‘A’.

The Term for the three (3) year semi-exclusive agreement will be (the ‘season’):

Season 1 – September 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027
Season 2 – September 1, 2027, to March 31, 2028
Season 3 – September 1, 2028, to March 31, 2029

The Licensee shall provide a reasonable schedule outlining the times it requires access to the Dressing Room pre-season. This will also serve as the precontract fit out period for room alterations.

The dressing room will be vacated at the end of the season to allow for other uses during non-ice season.

2.0 FEES

For the right to occupy and use the premises for a team dressing room, the Licensee will pay to the City, rent for the season in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($7000.00) plus HST, plus any additional applicable taxes. This fee will be increased by 2% annually.

This fee is in addition to the ice rental agreement fees, a schedule of which is attached.

3.0 ADDITIONAL CHARGES

The Licensee shall reimburse the City for any additional charges incurred by the City arising out of the use and occupation of the Dressing Room by the Licensee. These fees shall be subject to applicable Government taxes.

4.0 FOOD

The City shall have the sole and exclusive right to the distribution of all food and beverages at the Facility including all catering services and provision.

5.0 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 The Licensee, at its own expense, shall employ such personnel as it may require maintaining the Dressing Room, which personnel shall have reasonable access to the Dressing Room for all purposes, as may be approved by the Facility Supervisor. The facility will be open as per its program requirements. For further clarification see schedule ‘A’

5.2 The Licensee shall provide, install, and maintain in the Dressing Room such furnishings and equipment as may be required for Licensee hockey activities, all at the cost and expense of the Licensee provided that no furnishings or equipment shall be installed until the plans have been approved by the City’s Facility Supervisor. The Licensee is responsible for all permits, inspections (electrical and fire inspections) etc.

5.3 Upon the request of the Licensee, the City may act as agent for the Licensee solely for the purpose of engaging, in the name of the Licensee, such personnel or equipment, or both, as the Licensee may require maintaining or altering the space. Any person(s) or equipment, or both, engaged by the City as agent for the Licensee and the Licensee shall be responsible for such employee(s) or equipment, or both, in all respects and for all purposes hereunder.

6.0 SAVE HARMLESS

The Licensee shall protect, defend, indemnify and save the City harmless from all claims, actions and proceedings including any costs and expenses incurred by the City hereby for loss, damage or injury, including death to any person or persons and property based upon, occasioned by, or attributable to the execution of this agreement or the exercise in any manner of rights arising hereunder except claims for damage resulting from the negligence of the City or any of its officers, employees, servants or agents while acting within the scope of their duties or employment.

7.0 INSURANCE

The Licensee agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in an amount of at least TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000.00) with nil deductible (or pay a deposit equal to the deductible) and adding the City's name as insured and to provide a certificate of such insurance at least one month prior to the season. The certificate must state the dates of and when the insurance policy(s) expire.

8.0 CLAIM

The Licensee shall not have any claim against the City or any of its officers, employees, servants or agents for accident, detriment, damage or injury to any person or persons or property based upon, occasioned by, or attributable to the execution of this Agreement or the exercise in any manner of rights arising hereunder unless such damage or injury is due to the negligence of any officer, employee, servant or agent of the City while acting within the scope of their duties or employment.

9.0 LIABILITY

The Licensee shall assume full responsibility for all its employees and invitees and for all damage to the Dressing Room arising out of the Licensee's use and occupation of the Dressing Room, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted.

10.0 ALTERATIONS

The Licensee agrees that any alterations to the Dressing Room area will be submitted to the City for approval. The City agrees to respond in a reasonable time frame with comment as to the approval or not of the requested alteration.

11.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Licensee shall in all respects, abide by and comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and by-laws of the Federal, Provincial or Municipal Government or any other governing body whatsoever and with all local police, health, or fire regulations or by-laws in any manner affecting the Dressing Room and the operations of the Licensee hereunder. The Licensee also recognizes that the Facility has limited accessibility for people who are mobile restricted. The Licensee agrees to the terms in schedule ‘A’.

12.0 FORCE MAJEURE

Whenever and to the extent that the City shall be unable to fulfil or shall be delayed or restricted in fulfilling any obligation hereunder by any cause beyond its control, including acts of God, or of the public enemy, acts of the government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, strikes, fires, or floods, the City shall be released from the fulfilment of such obligation during the period it shall be so unable to fulfil or shall be delayed or restricted in fulfilling such obligations.

13.0 TERMINATION

13.1 Whenever the Licensee shall fail to observe or perform any of the covenants, agreements or obligations contained in this agreement, the City may terminate all rights of the Licensee under this License and all rights of the Licensee under this License shall be absolutely forfeited.

13.2 The City may terminate this License without cause upon providing sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Licensee.

14.0 PAYMENT

The Licensee agrees to provide the City with payment as outlined in schedule ‘A’

15.0 VALIDITY

This Agreement will cease to be valid if not fully executed by both parties on or before **August 1, 2026.**

16.0 BINDING EFFECT

This Licensing Agreement and everything herein contained shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

17.0 ADVERTISING/PROMOTION

All Event advertising/promotion including television/radio and print, must include the full "Peggy Hill Team Community Centre" name, if the Facility's name is used in the advertising. The City of Barrie logo and references are restricted and therefore, the Licensee agrees to abide by the City of Barrie's Advertising policies which will be provided.

CONTACT:

Barrie Colts AAA U18 Hockey Club
C/O
Greg Hotham – Chairman, Barrie Colts AAA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this agreement this _____ day of

_____, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

Per:_____
Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation & Culture Services

BARRIE COLTS U18 AAA HOCKEY CLUB

Per:_____
Barrie Colts AAA (Greg Hotham)

SCHEDULE A

Peggy Hill Team Community Centre

Preamble to Agreement:

Whereas the Licensee is seeking to obtain space to establish a semi-permanent dressing room in their “home arena”, this Schedule A to the subject Rental Contract outlines the terms of said occupancy and will be attached to the seasonal ice contract.

1) Base Rate:

   $7000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars) plus HST and any other applicable taxes increasing 2% annually.

2) Season:

   The season term shall be from September 1st to March 31st annually. At the end of the season the licensee will vacate the rooms and remove all non-fixed equipment from the Dressing Room.

3) Option:

   The Licensee shall have the right to negotiate with the City for use of the space in the “off season” months with additional fees and regulations to be determined.

4) Hours of Use:

   The facility hours of use will be from 6:00a.m. until 11:00p.m. from Monday through Sunday. These hours are based on the scheduled program use of the facility. All other hours of access will be with the prior written approval of the Facility Supervisor.

5) Improvements:

   The Licensee will be permitted to fit out, at its own expense, the space. These alterations can include but are not limited to the addition of shelves, lockers, cabinet, whiteboards, etc. and the option to repaint the room if so desired. At the expiration or termination of the agreement the City at its option may request the Licensee to remove and restore the space to its original condition. In any case all fixed capital improvements shall remain the property of the City.

6) Mutual Use:

   The Licensee agrees to allow access to the dressing room space for the purpose

of mixed gender accommodation for other user groups as their need arises. More specifically this accommodation will be for female participants that require a separate change area. The Licensee also agrees to vacate the space for events and tournaments as required by the facility. This request will be in writing with at least 7 days' notice. The City and Licensee agree that other times may be required, and such requests will not be unreasonably withheld. The City will be responsible for the integrity of the space during such times. The Licensee will be provided a key for the room. They will be responsible for access to the room by any member of their organization or any other persons to whom they grant entry. The City will be allowed access in case of emergency, inspection, or repair.

7) Breach of Contract:

Prior to invoking any penalty for any alleged violation of the terms and conditions of this agreement, the City will provide in writing an explanation of the breach and provide a reasonable opportunity for the Licensee to redress said breach, both parties acting reasonably. In the event the City legally terminates the contract agreement due to such a breach, the Licensee will not be responsible for payment of any additional rentals beyond the remainder of the current month.

8) State of Repair:

The licensee will always keep the space in a state of good repair and cleanliness. Any repairs of damage to space or equipment will be at the sole cost of the Licensee.

9) Room Payment Schedule:

September 1, 2026	$7,000.00	$910.00 HST	$7,910.00 Total
September 1, 2027	$7,140.00	$928.20.00 HST	$8,068.20 Total
September 1, 2028	$7,282.80	$946.76 HST	$8,229.56 Total

The parties agree to Schedule "A" attached hereto and accept it as part of rental contract.